

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

My trac phone is important to me to be used as an emergency vehicle. I am an elderly woman and it is my necessary convenience and, to be perfectly honest, I can't afford discretionary options. My trac phone is my safety net in my home, in my car and shopping. I have been told the trac phone is the most efficient instrument that I have and to stick with the arrangements that I presently have with my provider. I cannot afford more.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position. Lou Ann Gerdau

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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